UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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-against-

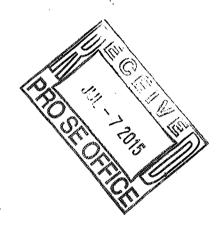
(In the space above enter the full name(s) of the defendant(s). If you cannot fit the names of all of the defendants in the space provided, please write "see attached" in the space above and attach an additional sheet of paper with the full list of names. The names listed in the above caption must be identical to those contained in Part I. Addresses should not be included here.)

COMPLAINT

under the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Prisoner Complaint)

Jury Trial: Yes No

(check one)



I. Parties in this complaint:

List your name, identification number, and the name and address of your current place of Α. confinement. Do the same for any additional plaintiffs named. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Plaintiff

Current Institution Sing S Ossining Ny 10562

List all defendants' names, positions, places of employment, and the address where each defendant B. may be served. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.

Defendant No. 1

Name CO Angela Jackson Where Currently Employed Sing Sing Correc

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Defendant N	Name Lt, John Doe Donahue Shield # Luk
	Where Currently Employed Southport Correctional
	Address P.O. Box 2000 Pine City Ny. 14871
Defendant N	Name Lt. John Doe George Shield # UK Where Currently Employed Sing Sing Address 354 Hunter St. 05510125 10562
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Defendant N	o. 5 Name <u>Sgt." Jane Doe" O'Cana</u> Shield # <u>Culk</u> Where Currently Employed <u>Sing Sing</u> Address <u>354 Hunter st Ossining Dy. 10562</u> See Attache
	ement of Claim:
caption of the	fly as possible the <u>facts</u> of your case. Describe how each of the defendants named in the s complaint is involved in this action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. In the to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If you intend to allege a number of related claims, set forth each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional sheets of paper as necessary.
A. In	what institution did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?
B. Whe	re in the institution did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur? ung Sing HBA-Ablock: Sing Sing disciplinary: Southpo Hearing Office
<u>Cla</u>	t date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur? Im as for Ut George occured on 11/18/11. Claim as for 2. A. Jackson and Lo Donahue occured on 9/18/11 and 17/12

	D. Facts: See Attached
What happened to you?	
Who did what?	See Attachec
Was anyone else involved?	See Aldached
Who else saw what happened?	See Attached
III If y any 	Injuries: You sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe them and state what medical treatment, if you required and received. Due process Violation; Atypical hardship
wit	Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies: e Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought h respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner ifined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are lausted." Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures.
A.	Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility? Yes No

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if YE givinį	S, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events grise to your claim(s). Sing Sing and Southport Correctional facilities
В.	Does the jail, prison or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?
	Yes No Do Not Know
С.	Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claim(s)?
	Yes No Do Not Know
	If YES, which claim(s)? [f]
D.	Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose?
	Yes No
	If NO, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?
	Yes No
E.	If you did file a grievance, about the events described in this complaint, where did you file the grievance? Plantif exhausted his claims by filing an administrative appears. 1. Which claim(s) in this complaint did you grieve?
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	2. What was the result, if any? See Attached
	2. What was the result, if any?
	3. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process. Since the Claims involve a disciplinary due process Wolatton Plaintif filed an endministrative appeal with the Director of Special Housing
F.	If you did not file a grievance:
	If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here: Because the claims are in relation to the disciplinary hearing process which has a different exhaustion procedure, to wit, the plaintif followed
~	2. If you did not file a grievance but informed an officials of your claim, state who you informed,

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	when and how, and their response, if any:
G.	Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.
<u>Note</u> :	You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.
v.	Relief:
State v	hat you want the Court to do for you (including the amount of monetary compensation, if any, that you
are see	king and the basis for such amount). Plaintif request punitive compensation The 30 Months of special housing which was an Atypical hordship.
	until request that both disciplinary hearing be reversed and
	punged from his institutional records. Plaintil request an indunction
<u>tha</u> be	I he not be retaliated against or transfered from the facility that
	is violated. That he be compensated in the amount of 250,000,00
<u>Çti</u>	whundred fifty thousand dollars) for the time spent in SHU; That
- he	shundred fifty thousand dollars) for the punt tive damages for
the	knowing and Intelligent Violation of plaintif's due process,
The	at he be reimbursed for the amount paid to file this application
- 100 8 H	hiding copies and lawyer fees: That this court find that 30 months. U was an Atypical hardship. That all the hearing tape be listened
to	by this court: that plaintif Not be subjected to Wrine test until completion
of` vi.	Previous lawsuits:
1 A.	Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this
	action?
J	Yes No <u>V</u>

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On these claims

В.	is r	our answer to A is YES, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another sheet of paper, using the same mat.)
	1.	Parties to the previous lawsuit:
	Pla	intiff Tiquan Davis
	De	fendants State of New York
	2.	Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county) Dutchess
	3.	Docket or Index number Cant Neurenber
	4.	Name of Judge assigned to your case Scucermora
	5.	Approximate date of filing lawsuit 2001 or 2002 not sure
	6.	Is the case still pending? Yes No If NO, give the approximate date of disposition Cand Remember
	7.	What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was there judgment in your favor? Was the case appealed?)
		dismissed
On other claims	C.	Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to your imprisonment? Yes No No No Secribe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another piece of paper, using the same format.)
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	Pl De	efendants State of New York
	2.	Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county) Westchester
	3.	Docket or Index number # 111087
	4.	Name of Judge assigned to your case Scucci mara
	5.	Approximate date of filing lawsuit 2008 Cant remember exact date
	6.	Is the case still pending? Yes No
		If NO, give the approximate date of disposition 2012 Cart Temember exact dute
	7.	What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was there judgment in your favor? Was the case appealed?) for 13,000
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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing	is true and correct.
Signed this 29 day of, 2015. Signature of Plaintiff Inmate Number Institution Address	95A0305 354 Hunter st Ossining Ny 10562
Note: All plaintiffs named in the caption of the complinante numbers and addresses.	aint must date and sign the complaint and provide their
I declare under penalty of perjury that on this 29 decomplaint to prison authorities to be mailed to the Prosouthern District of New York.	ay of June, 2015, I am delivering this o Se Office of the United States District Court for the

Statement of tacts

1. On 9/18/11 C.O. Bonner gave the plaintif authorization to make rounds on R&W company in HBA-block. While plaintif was making ILC rounds on R company CO. Angela Jackson (Co. A. Jackson) told plaintit to show her his hands, to wit, plaintif complied CO. A Jackson then told plaintif to put his hands on the gate for a pat trisk, to wit, plaintif Complied. During That time CO. Bonner yelled up to CO. A. Jackson "leave Davis alone". CO. A. "
Jackson the responded saying tell him to get the tuck off my company". As the plaintif turned to leave the Company C.O. A. Jackson grabbed him by his Sweater forcefully and yelled "What's all of that you Just dropped on the Floor" Maintif in an attempt to stop this C.O. from grabbing him so roughly, grabbed CO. A. Jackson's hands and told her to Stop playing. At that time C.D.'s Sandiford and Grant grabbed the plaint it from behind and took him to the ground Without resistance. While plaintif was being handcuffed, Sqt. Gina Shibah (Sqt. G. Shibah) Who was the area supervisor arrived and told CO. Garcia to take plaintif to the Shower on a-company. Sqt. & Shibah then told C.O. Garcia to take the plaintif to the hospital for a use of force examination. While in the hospital the plaintif Met with Sqt Williams who was plaintif's T.L.C. Staff advisor. Sgt. Williams stated to plaintif "How the hell did you let a Chick like Jackson catch you with weed". Plaintif at first thought the Sqt. Was lokeing around, but the Sqt. Said that he was dead serious and went on to say that CO. A. Jackson said that plaintif came on the Company with a handfull of loose MariJuana. The plaintif told sqt. Williams tha he never had any MariJuana on him let alone loose in his hand, when he is required to approach the Company C.O. to let them know he's doing TLC rounds. Plaintif went on to say that C.O. A. Jackson Set him up,

and that it all came from when he complained to the Night block sqt that Ca A. Jackson was preventing plaintif from doing rounds on the company Ca A. Jackson was on a few nights prior. Thoto's were taking of the plaintif as well as a written statement.

Plaintif was then escorted to the disciplinary office and ordered to submit to a wrine test, to wit, plaintif tested negative. Plaintif was then escorted to IHBC~ S.H.U. While in S.H.U. plaintif fectived a Misbehavior report (MB.R). Charging him with rule Violations: 10b.10 (direct order), 115.10 (frisk), 100.11 (assult on staff), 113.25 (drug possession) which was written by C.O. A. Jackson and authorized by Sqt. G. Sh. bah on 9 [18]11. A tier to superintendants hearing was conducted by Lt. Pinker. Plaintiff objected to the fact that he was denied Sqt. G. Sh. bah and C.O. C. Benlamin as his witnesses as they were both part of the MBR.

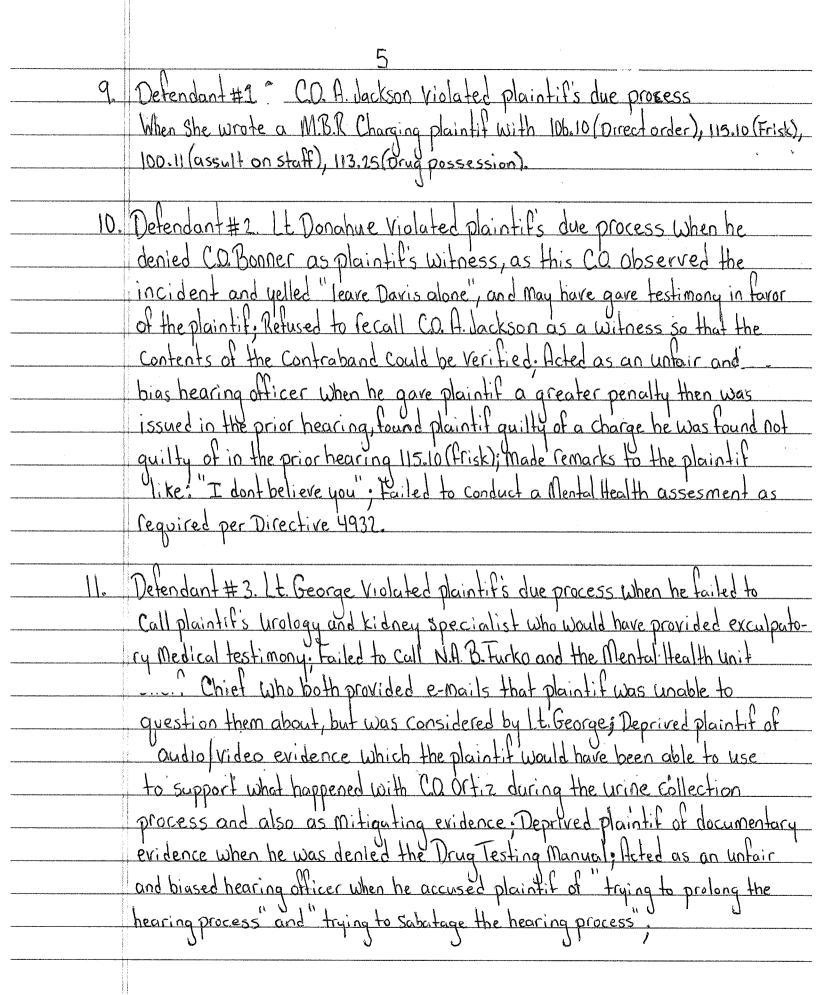
Plaintif was found quilty of all Charges except for rule 115.10 (frisk). Plaintif was issued a penalty of 14 Months SHU, 24 Months loss of all other privileges including recommended loss of good time.

2. On lotoofil While in SHU C.O.R.L. Ortiz (C.O.Ortiz) approached the cell plaint. I was in and Stated "Are you ready", plaintif stated "no". C.O.Ortiz then stated "You wanna play games so now i'm gonna play games". C.O.Ortiz then told another C.O. to turn of off the water in Davis's cell. C.O.Ortiz then stated to plaintif "i'm gonna play games this time, let's see you get around this one". He also stated "remember the time you pissed in the bullpen, remember when you wrote my boy perez up, we aint forget that". C.O.Ortiz then ordered plaintif to pee in 2 seperate bottles, one C.O.Ortiz placed in his top pocket, the other bottle was placed in a Cup with a lid on it. As C.O.Ortiz was leaving, he stated "now i'm gonna Show you how to play games". All of this was recorded on the SHU audio wideo system. A few hours later an SHU CO. told plaintif that his wrine tested positive for drugs. As a result of this, plaintif recieved a MBR written by C.O. Ortiz

Plaintit Was provided with Sqt. O'Cana as his Her assistance. The plaintit requested that Sqt. O'Cana View the S.H.U Video Jaudio From HBC 2 gallery from 11:45 am to 1:26 pm of 10/20/11 and to report the results back to him. Plaintit informed Sqt. O'cana that he wanted the audio | video tape as evidence at his hearing so that he could prove everything CO. Ortiz did and Said during the wrine collection process, as CO Ditiz is proven by a court of law to lie and tamper with the urine collection process See exhibit (A). Sgt. O'cana never viewed the video audio tape. After 3 hearing was conducted. Lt. George was the hearing officer. Lt. George was the person who approved the wrine test. Both Lt. George and CO. Ortiz Work in the disciplinary office together. At the trer hearing plaintif requested the SHU Video audio tape, his woologist, his Kidney specialist, the nurse administrator and Mental health unit cheif who both provided e-mails prior to the hearing, the drug testing manual amongst other things. The hearing officer denied all of these request.
Plaintit Objected to these denials. Plaintif was found quilty and issued 24 Months SH.U, 24 Months loss of all other privileges including recommended loss of good time. In december 2011 plaintif was fransfered from Sing Sing SHU to Southport SHU with a total of 48 months SHU, 48 Months loss of all other privileges including recommended loss of good time. Plaintif filed an administrative appeal Challenging both tier 3 hearings.

3. On 2/8/12 The Director of Special housing Modified the penalty imposed for the M.B.R Written by C.O. Ortiz and tier hearing therefrom (113.24) from 24 Months SHU to 18 months but kept the remainding penalties in place

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4. On 2/7/12 The Director of Special housing reversed the hearing he	618
4. On 2/7/12 The Director of Special housing reversed the hearing he for the MBR written on 9/18/11 due to 2 material Staff Witnesses k	reinq
denied but ordered a lehearing.	Ú
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5. The rehearing was conducted by Lt. Donahue and was concluded on Marc	h 7,2012
Plaintif was found quilty of all Charges including the one he was found not	
of in the prior hearing (115.10-Frisk). The penalty imposed was also signif	
greater. Instead of 24 Months SH.U the Lt gave plaintif 36 Months	1.H.U. 36
Months loss of all other privileges.	
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6. On March 17,2017 plaintiffiled an administrative appeal to the Director of	Special
6. On March 17,2012 plaintiffiled an administrative appeal to the Director of housing. Plaintif's SHL time was modified from 36 months back to 24 months.	
7. Plaintif filed an article 78 with the Westchester County Supreme Court	Challenging
both tier 3 hearing. A Judge of that court denied his petition and pet	tion J J
was appealed the Appellate division Second department. In Decemb	er 2014
Was appealed the Appellate division Second department. In Decemb plaintif's appeal was dismissed because plaintif Could not afford	the filing
fee.	ð
8. Plaintif Served a total of . 30 months SHU and was subjected to a	ή
Atypical hardship due to the Clear violations of plaintif's due process.	
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Conducted the hearing despite being the person who approved the cause of the	
12. Defendant #4. Sqt. G. Shibah Violated plaintif's due process when she authorized to Written by C.O. A. Jackson, Signed the MBR written by C.O. A. Jackson, testification the Contraband was inside of a plastic bag.	he MBR d Had
13. Defendant # 5. Sqt. O'cana violated plaintif's due process when she failed to the SH.U : Audio Video tape	(eview
14. Marcel Smith 98-B-1609 Observed the incident	
15. The plaintif's 14th Amendment right to due process was triolated	
16. The plaintif's right to be free from an Atypical hardship was violated	1.
16. The plaintif's right to be free from an Atypical hardship was violated when he served 30 Months in S.H.U 28 and I half of that done in Scarcetional facility.	huthport
17. The plaintif did not consent to be placed in SHV, and the plaintif we aware of Such Wrongful Confinement.	as
18. Detendant #b. Raymond L. Offiz Violated Plaintits due proce When he Wrote Plaintif a M.B.R Charging him With (113.24) Drug	ss use.

DECISION AND ORDER

To commence the statutory time period of appeals as of right (CPLR 5513[a]), you are advised to serve a copy of this order, with notice of entry, upon all parties.

FILED AND ENTERED ON HOW 1998, WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
IAS PART, WESTCHESTER COUNTY
Present: HON. JAMES R. COWHEY

Justice.

In the Matter of the Application of

Petitioner,

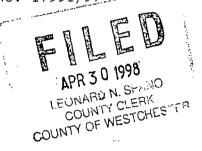
For Judgment under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules,

-against-

GLENN S. GOORD, Commissioner of the Department of Correction; CHARLES GREINER, Superintendent of Sing Sing Correctional Facility; DONALD SELSKY, Director, Special Housing Inmate Disciplinary Program; Officer R.L. ORTIZ, Urinalysis Testing Officer; Officer A. C. JOHNSON, Family Reunion Officer; and Lt. HUGHES, Hearing Officer,

Respondent(s).

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The following papers numbered 1 to 23 were read upon this petition by petitioner for relief pursuant to Article 78 of the CPLR:

Papers Numbered

Verified Petition-Exhibits------1-14
Answering Affidavits-Exhibits------22
Exhibit-----23

Upon the foregoing papers, it is ordered and adjudged that this petition is disposed of as follows:

Following a Tier III Superintendent's hearing at Sing Sing DISP

Correctional Facility, petitioner was found guilty of violating institutional rule 113.12 which prohibits inmates from possessing or using any narcotic or controlled substance. Said finding was affirmed by administrative appeal on August 11, 1997.

Following a visit in the family reunion program, petitioner was given a drug analysis test which is routine procedure following such It is uncontroverted that petitioner, who has been in the a visit. prison system for at least five years prior to this testing, has been tested over sixty (60) times for drugs, all with negative (clean) results. Petitioner insists that he does not use drugs and that this test which resulted in a positive reading for marijuana was inaccurate and the result of human error. 1 As a result of the guilty determination, the Hearing Officer levied the following penalty: six (6) months loss of good time; ninety (90) days keeplock (sixty (60) days suspended); six (6) months loss of packages, commissary and phones (ninety (90) days suspended). Additionally, petitioner was transferred back to Sing Sing from Tappan and lost participation in the Family Reunion Program for one year.

Upon a careful review of the transcript and documents submitted, the Court finds that the numerous errors committed during the testing process; the conflicting testimony at the hearing by the correction officers involved with the urinalysis testing; the failure to adequately explain the errors and irregularities on the relevant drug testing documents; and the admitted routine use by the correction officers of preprinted xeroxed forms stating that a urine sample was placed into a "lab freezer" before such event occurs, renders the guilty determination by the Hearing Officer in error. Additionally, the Court notes that the embellishing of the correction officers' testimony by the Hearing Officer during the hearing was improper as the Hearing Officer abandoned his role of an impartial arbiter by filling in gaps of the correction officers' testimony, thus violating 7 N.Y.C.R.R. 253.1[b].

The Court notes that petitioner had worked as a facility carpenter at Tappan (Sing Sing's medium security unit) for the past four years and had an excellent disciplinary record as acknowledged by the Hearing Officer. Officer Ortiz performed the test on May 22, 1997 and was certified to perform said testing on May 14, 1997. The record is silent as to Officer Johnson's qualifications and experience.

A prisoner is entitled to a bona fide evaluation of the evidence presented at the hearing not an arbitrary decision that reduces the hearing to a charade (Kelemen v. Coughlin, 128 Misc.2d 190).

The reports which were filled out by Officers Ortiz and Johnson and submitted to the Hearing Officer, reports referred to as the Urinalysis Procedure Form and the Request for Urinalysis Test ("RFUT"), contained inaccuracies and irregularities. The Hearing Officer appears to accept the contradictory testimony of Correction Officer Ortiz as sufficient explanation for the errors and irregularities. The Court finds Officer Ortiz's testimony incredible. The Urinalysis Procedure Form states that petitioner's urine sample was removed from the freezer However, petitioner concededly did not produce a urine sample till 10:15 A.M. Ortiz first testified that petitioner's sample was removed from the freezer at 7:56 and then he changed his testimony. He then stated that the sample was never in a freezer. He proceeded to give further contradictory testimony. At one point he stated he made a mistake as to the reporting of the time; however, he fails to address why this inaccurate information was never corrected. mistake is not necessarily noteworthy; however, when coupled with numerous conflicting statements and documents that do not match and also that do not match the testimony, there is a serious problem. chain of custody section of the RFUT form, Ortiz lists the testing time as 1:30 P.M.; however, the Urinalysis Procedure Form states the time of the test as 12:56 P.M. and Ortiz testifies at one point that the testing was done at 12:30 and at another point, Ortiz states the testing was done at 12:56. In violation of 7 N.Y.C.R.R. 1020.4[5][i], Ortiz testifies that some of the information on the RFUT Form is preprinted and xeroxed, such as under the chain of custody section that the sample is placed in the freezer. When Officer Johnson questions Ortiz as to the error, Ortiz tells him not to worry about mistakes. Moreover, the Court is left to speculate as to what happened to the sample if the test was administered at 12:56 P.M. as Ortiz sometimes claims since Johnson gave the sample to Ortiz at 10:15 A.M. What happened to the sample during the intervening time and was the sample placed in the refrigerator as per 7 N.Y.C.R.R. 1020.4[5][e][ii]?²

From the papers submitted, the Court cannot ascertain whether or not the reliability of the test is diminished if the sample is not refrigerated as per regulations and if the sample at

These were not typographical errors, but in essence, were documents that constituted falsified business record documents that were used as a basis for prosecution and penalty and were in violation of state regulations. The taint on these documents was exacerbated by the conflicting testimony given by the correction officers and the embellishment of the record by the Hearing Officer.

The Court does not question that there is a drug problem in the prisons that must be dealt with firmly. However, the approved drug testing procedures utilized must be carefully followed since serious consequences can result to the prisoner. Additionally, a prisoner is entitled to a fair and impartial hearing conducted by a hearing officer who carefully and objectively reviews the evidence and testimony given. That was not done here.

Accordingly, in light of the above, the findings of the Hearing Officer are annulled and vacated. Respondents are directed to expunge from petitioner's institutional record any reference to the charge, etc. and, if appropriate, to restore petitioner to his former position as a facility carpenter at Tappan and any privileges previously enjoyed and to return any monetary fine paid by petitioner.

Dated: April 30 1998
White Plains, New York

JAMES R. COWHEY

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issue was not refrigerated for the two hours and 41 minutes interval before the test, if the test was performed at 12:56.

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